

Councillor Initiative

1. What is the Initiative?

The issue of littering is constitutently raised by local communities as a cause of public concern. This scheme is designed to allow the communities themselves to play a part in helping solve this problem. The Area Board is being asked to fund the capital cost of setting up 10 teams of local volunteers to agree to run a Community Clean-up Scheme in their local area.

Each team will have a specific geographical area which they will take responsibility for, with an agreed regular cycle of litter picks taking place. In exchange, the Area Board will supply each team with a set of kit that they can use. As each team will have its own kit, they will be in control of as and when they undertake their litter picks, thereby minimising the administrative overhead.

All below this line is subject to agreement at the meeting of Melksham Town Council being held on Monday 7th October

Melksham Town Council will oversee the administrative aspects of the project (ie keeping track of who the volunteers are, how often they have undertaken the activities etc). Additionally the Town Council will fund the ongoing revenue cost of providing black refuse sacks (estimated at £200-£250 per year).

Melksham Town Council are also investigating a proposal to create a "Melksham Rewards" programme to provide tangible incentives and rewards for those who participate in the scheme.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Across Melksham town

3. When will the initiative take place?

On-going project from Autumn/Winter 2013

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

Community Plan identifies littering as a serious problem. This initiative allows communities to take ownership of creating local solutions to this problem.

5. Who will Project Manage/be responsible for this initiative?

The initial pilot project administered by Melksham Town Council. It is my hope that if successful the scheme could be extended if other parish councils were prepared to take on the ongoing administrative duties and the cost of the black bags.

6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Item	Qty	Cost	Total
Hi Vis Jacket	6	£ 1.82	£ 10.92
Gloves	6	£ 1.00	£ 6.00
Litter Pick Grabber	5	£ 8.95	£ 44.75
Hoops	5	£ 6.95	£ 34.75
Dog Poo Scoop	1	£ 19.75	£ 19.75
Teams	10	£ 116.17	£ 1,161.70
Black Sacks	1	£ 200.00	£ 200.00

Costing for equipment from litterpicker.eu

Potential for additional savings if procured through Wiltshire Council

7. Additional information